

Dear Dave,

2/12/80

Hasty response to your 2/6. I'm deep in a taxing affidavit which is already overdue for presentation to court.

Where you are specific I can give specific responses. Where you are not, as with the Harper fragment, I can't.

Shirt-slit picture: a negative will cost you \$3.00, including mailing directly to you to save time. I mean the photographer will do this and that cost is included. Nothing like the \$10 you anticipated. However, I will have to pay someone to take it there and for her mileage because I have no need to go anywhere near there these days. The student who helps me on a part-time basis is having a hard time making it and I can't impose on her in any way - and I don't. It is only about 14 miles round trip but I can't ask her to assume the costs. For that matter, I also pay her for the time she spend searching because those kinds of searches are beyond me to day.

The other pictures you asked for are filed with the copy of the book and for all practical purposes are not accessible. They are Archives pictures. In some cases they misidentified some as taken ~~for~~ for Nichols but in fact the ones I used were not taken for him but were taken for me earlier. Making his own copies, was Nichols' own cute way of telling himself he wasn't a crook after he saw what I'd done.

With regard to the base I'm lending you two prints on the chance they can save you money. These I could locate because I did not use them in the book. Both also are Archives pictures.

The long view of 399 was taken for me by the Archives. They can provide prints or negatives but for offset you may be better off with a clear print. I used a 5x7 with those. I tell you this because they cost less than 8x10s. Of the two enclosed I'm certain the one with the white scale was taken for me. I'm not certain about the black ~~xxx~~ scale one. Your publisher can shoot his own offset negatives and you can then return these.

I am not trying to influence what you write but the history of the spectro suit can easily help make the point I think you are trying to make. If you want call me and I'll give you all I can. Remember, it is the oldest of all FOIA cases and the one over which the investigatory file exemption was changed by the Congress.

Re Transfer; It is my recollection that after the Secret Service double-dressed me I went after it again with the Archives and that it capitulated at the point where I'd have filed suit if it didn't. on final appeal.

Re fragments: you appear to have come to the conclusion I reached years ago so we are not in disagreement. Pretty sinister. You are beginning to understand why I primed Oser as I did for Frazier and Finck.

So you'll be getting the shirt-slit picture directly from the photographer, to save time and costs. His name is E. Ray Wachter and his work for me has always been excellent. As you can see, his price also is very fair. I'll give him your post card for your address and if he returns it you can still use it.

If you have more questions I'd prefer that you phoen because I really don't have time. Rae, the student, gets here about 10 a.m. and has to leave by 4 because she also baby-sits for a friend who has to work. So she can't be late getting there.

Hurriedly,